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▶ Singer Adele poses with her haul of Grammys on Sunday in Los Angeles. She won six of the awards, including record of the year and album of the year. More coverage, page 17.

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Adele rolling in Grammy Awards

Zoo animals allegedly slaughtered

Former Stanley Park goats and sheep were adopted by hobby farm last year

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Vancouver park board chair Constance Barnes expressed shock Sunday after reports that some former Stanley Park petting zoo animals have been sent to slaughter.

When the zoo closed in 2011, many of the goats and sheep were adopted out to a hobby farm where they were to live out the rest of their lives.

But Barnes recently discovered that the owner might have violated the terms of the adoption by allegedly selling the animals for slaughter.

"I was very distressed to learn of the alleged mistreatment of several goats and sheep adopted out to a local farm," Barnes said in a statement. "Park board staff undertook a comprehensive process to find appropriate locations for the animal and staff."

Barnes said she contacted the B.C. SPCA on Friday to check on the welfare of the remaining animals.

The park board is trying to get those animals back, and have asked the city lawyer to take "aggressive legal action" over the alleged violation.

The animals at the petting zoo were adopted out to a total of 13 families.

The park board is following up with all the animals to make sure the adoption agreements with the 12 other families are being honoured.

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Pop. Icon

▶ Neptoon Records owner Rob Frith holding the album Whitney by Whitney Houston at his Main Street store on Sunday.

JENNIFER KWOK/FOR METRO

Album sales down in years prior to Houston's death

It appears there is little rush to buy Whitney Houston's albums following the singer's tragic death Saturday, according to Neptoon Records owner Rob Frith. Houston's records had dropped to the point where the store has stopped buying her used albums. Frith is watching to see how the star's death will effect sales in the future. **More on Houston, pages 18, 20.**

Accident stalls Port Mann construction

- **Gantry supports crumple and 90 tonnes of concrete fall into Fraser River**
- **Construction of south approach on hold as repairs are made**

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Construction of the new Port Mann Bridge's south approach are indefinitely on hold after a gantry malfunctioned and sent 90 tonnes of concrete flying into the river below.

No injuries were reported during the Friday incident, but the site remains locked down with the giant gantry — which was laying down concrete along the span — still crippled on top of the bridge.

The gantry's base is damaged, and crews from the Italian-based manufacturer have flown in to assist with repairs.

Project spokesperson Max Logan said there is no timetable for repairs.

All construction along the south approach are stalled until the unit is operational again, although separate work on the main span and north approach continues.

"Those sections don't require the use of the gantry, so work is ongoing," said Logan. "It's too early to say how long (repairs on the south approach) will take, we'll have a better idea later in the week."

The slab of concrete that crashed into the river will also be fished out.

Luckily, an inspection over the weekend found that the incident hasn't caused any physical damage to the bridge deck or structure. WorkSafeBC is investigating the incident.

The new $800-million bridge is scheduled to open next winter.

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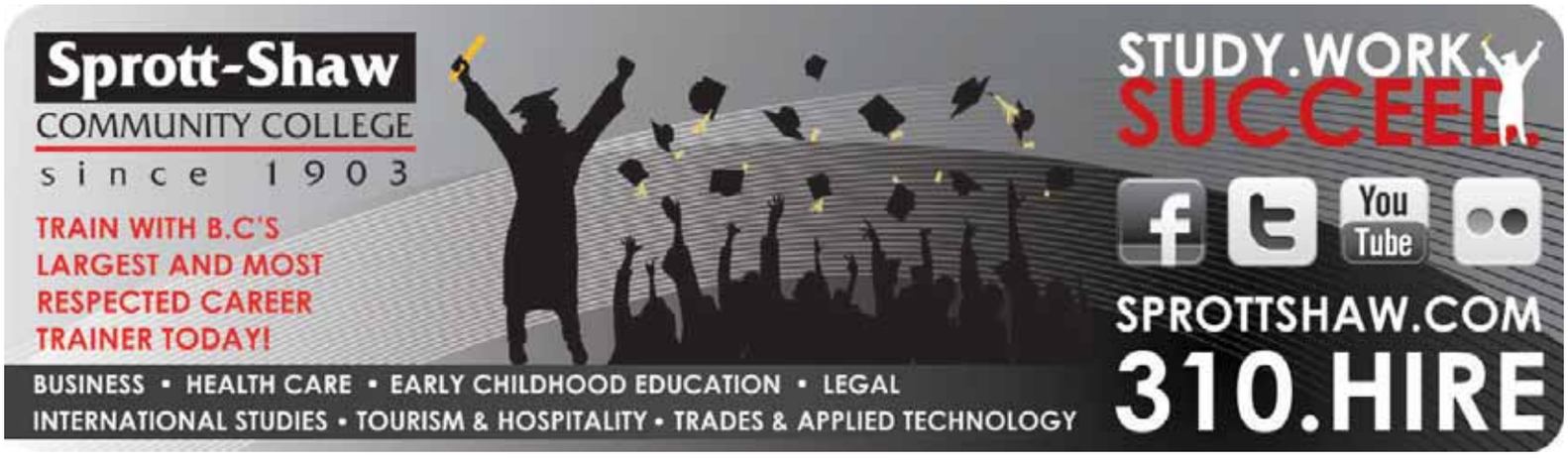
A five-year-old Kosovar girl has been rescued after an avalanche destroyed her home and killed her parents and at least seven of her relatives. Watch at metronews.ca/video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- Hundreds flocked to Olympic Ice Oval in Richmond for Hockey Day in Canada
- Canucks great Trevor Linden took part in the festivities, signing autographs for fans
- Hockey Day in Canada saw all seven Canadian NHL teams in action

Hockey gets its Day

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▶ Trevor Linden takes a moment between interviews to chat with fans Saturday during Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada at the Olympic Ice Oval in Richmond.

"We wanted to celebrate everything hockey. Whether it was games on the ice, floor ball or street hockey, table games, video games — everything we could jam in."
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▶ Devon Jassal, 1, looks shyly towards his mother as he tests his hockey talent.

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▶ Duh Hockey Guys tower over a curious hockey fan while a referee intervenes.

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▶ Nicholas, 12, plays air hockey against a friend.

Canadians were given one more reason to celebrate hockey Saturday as Richmond was among the cities playing host to the 13th annual Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada.

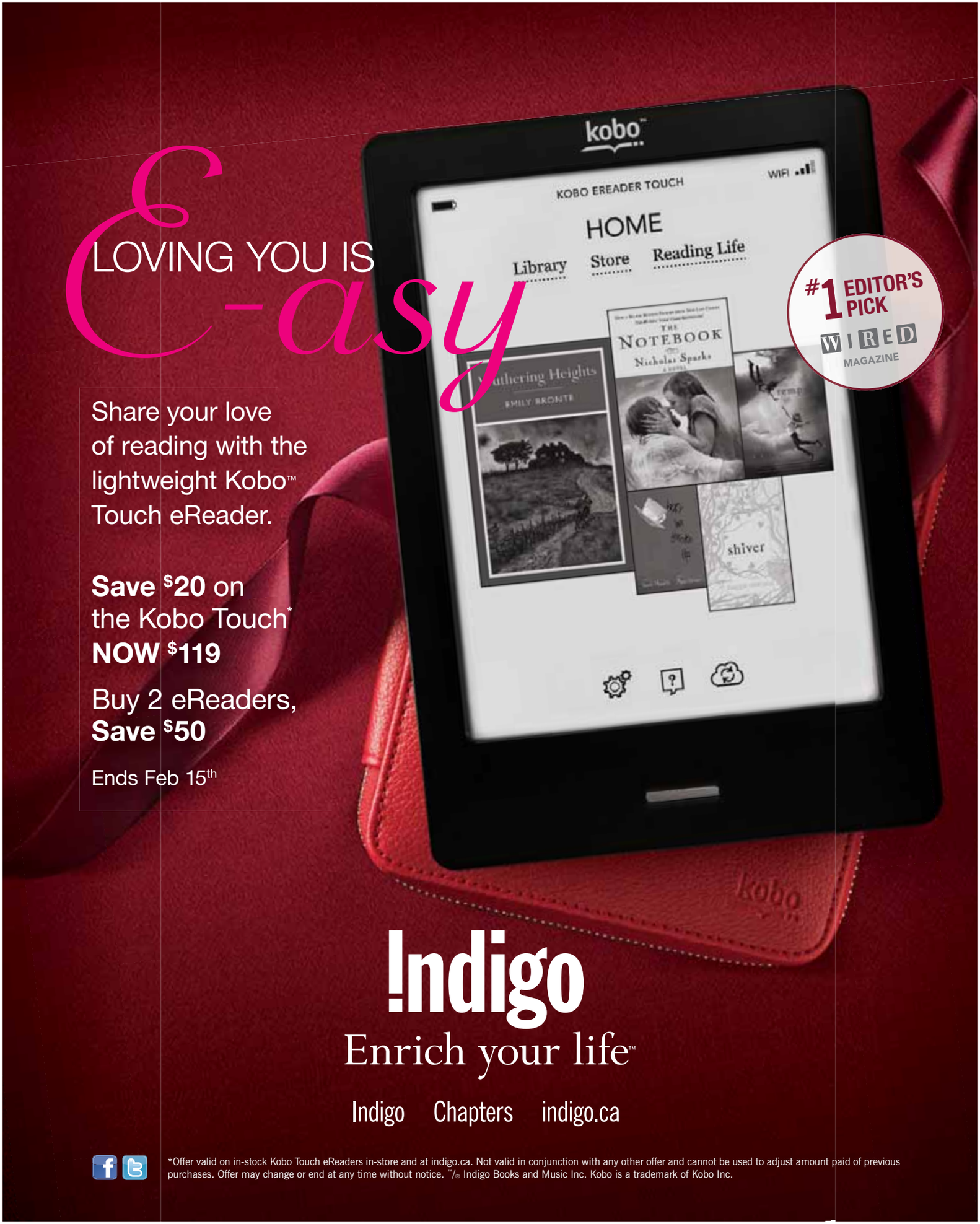
The event featured dozens of kid-friendly activities as well as Vancouver Canucks legend Trevor Linden, who spent the day signing memorabilia for swarming fans.

Fans were entertained by Canucks mascot Fin and the Duh Hockey Guys, stilt performers whose slapstick comedy gained fame during the 2010 Olympics.

Event producer Warren Purchase hoped for an enthusiastic crowd during the Canucks game, which was aired live at the Oval.

"It's great to celebrate Hockey Day with the rest of Canada," he said.

DANIEL PALMER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▶ Crystal Lai, left, and Tammy Morris of Tantra Fitness pose on a dance pole for the 2012 Taboo Show this past January at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

Sex show cancelled in B.C. Bible Belt

Dan Stefanson of Tourism Abbotsford says community will feel the effect in loss of business from visitors

The politics of liquor and sex have collided with the values of Christian fundamentalism in British Columbia's Bible Belt, forcing organizers of an adults-only trade show to cancel a three-day event.

For the past four years, the Fraser Valley Taboo Naughty But Nice Show has offered patrons the opportunity to shop for sex toys, watch fashion shows and live demonstrations and participate in seminars.

But Canwest Productions Inc. announced Friday that the fifth annual show at the Abbotsford Tradex is history because the company couldn't secure a roaming liquor licence between March 29 and March 31 and because of "push back" from a "vocal group of Christian fundamentalists."

"This obsession with deviation, it does nothing to help, it does nothing to enhance humanity,"
FORMER ABBOTSFORD MAYORAL CANDIDATE GEARDA PEACHY

The company said a roaming licence allows patrons to carry their drinks around the event, instead of being restricted to a beer garden in the corner of the trade show's floor.

"Based upon the restrictions placed upon us concerning our ability to serve liquor and the negative push back we were getting concerning our show's entertainment and educational offerings, we do not feel that we can meet the expectations of our guests or our exhibitors," said Peter Kiddell, the company's president, in a statement.
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Another Enbridge deal under First Nation review

A second British Columbia First Nation says it has signed on to a sharing agreement with Enbridge Inc., in exchange for its support for the controversial Northern Gateway pipeline. But just as the first deal was nullified after an internal fight, this second one, too, appears in jeopardy after the chief that signed the agreement was turfed and a new band council looks at whether they can get out of it.

It's an indication of the delicate job Enbridge has undertaken to ensure aboriginal bands along the pipeline route are adequately consulted, and it's also an example of why aboriginal groups who might be interested in exchanging their support for some much-needed revenue from the project, are reluctant to speak about it openly.

$400M
Calgary-based Enbridge says it offered the 43 B.C. and Alberta First Nations located along the proposed 1,177-kilometre pipeline route from Bruderheim, Alta., to Kitimat, B.C., a 10 per cent equity stake in the project, worth about $400 million.

Enbridge maintains it has the support of 20 of an estimated 43 bands located within 80 kilometres of the proposed twin pipelines and about half of those 20 are in British Columbia, including the deal the Gitxsan signed and then rejected.

But telephone calls to the band offices of those B.C. First Nations along the pipeline route turned up only one other band that has signed a deal.

Recently elected Yekooche First Nation Chief Henry Joseph said he's called in lawyers to review the agreement his predecessor chief and council signed with Enbridge to share part of the pipeline profits.

"The previous chief and council had their own view and my view and the elders council view ... you can deduce, is very different," said Joseph from his Prince George office.

But Joseph said it's too early to declare the deal between his First Nation and Enbridge dead.

Last month, the Gitxsan Hereditary Chiefs of northwest B.C., voted to reject a $7-million Enbridge equity-sharing deal that lone Gitxsan Hereditary Chief Elmer Derrick signed.
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EARTHQUAKE READINESS

B.C. and Washington plan to collaborate

B.C. and Washington State are pledging to work together on everything from jobs to earthquake readiness.

Premier Christy Clark and Governor Chris Gregoire signed several co-operation agreements during a meeting in the state capital of Olympia today.

Under the deals, the province and state will work to speed up the flow of people, goods and services across the border as a followup to a border agreement signed by Prime Minister Harper and President Obama.

B.C. and Washington will also work together on a regional jobs and investment strategy, transportation issues and joint emergency plans for major earthquakes.
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Premier to go on radio with agenda

If you want to know what Premier Christy Clark has planned for the province during the spring session, there's only one way to find out.

Clark is returning to her former workplace, local Vancouver news-radio station CKNW, to deliver her spring agenda and answer questions over a 90-minute session. **METRO**

Gordon won't talk politics

Former Premier Gordon Campbell dodged questions about politics during an appearance in Vancouver on Friday. Campbell, who is now Canada's High Commissioner to Britain, was in the city speaking at a Vancouver Board of Trade luncheon. He told reporters it's great to be home, but he won't talk about B.C. or Canadian politics.
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Probation for boy who posted pics

One year of probation has been handed to a teen boy who took pictures of a 16-year-old girl allegedly being raped in Pitt Meadows and posted them online. A judge has also ordered the boy to write an apology to the victim and an essay on the pros and cons of social media. The youth pleaded guilty to distributing obscene material last December. **CKNW, THE CANADIAN**

Lowe won't give up on inquiry

B.C. Police Complaint Commissioner Stan Lowe isn't giving up on his efforts to hold a public inquiry into a beating that two Vancouver police officers gave an innocent man. He's filing an appeal of a B.C. Supreme court decision that blocked an inquiry into the actions of Constables Nicholas Florkow and Bryan London in January of 2010.
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An area built from pirates' treasure

Eastleigh neighbourhood of Nairobi, once a ramshackle settlement, now has shiny new buildings

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Envy the residents of Eastleigh, Nairobi: despite the global recession, the investments keep flowing in.

They have new shopping malls, and more are under construction. The neighbourhood in Kenya's capital city is nicknamed Little Mogadishu, and many of the investors are pirates.

"Somali pirates are doing huge business hijacking ships, and most of their money is being laundered in Nairobi," explains Ernesto Savona, professor of criminology at Catholic University in Milan. "Little Mogadishu is beautiful, with new cars and buildings. With a $9-million ransom, you could buy a whole modern building in Nairobi."

Only a few years ago, Eastleigh was a poor settlement.

Piracy is booming off the Horn of Africa. In 2010 alone, more than 1,000 seamen were taken hostage. According to the UN, the pirates were paid an average ransom of $4.85 million, and a new study reports that Somali piracy now costs the world $7 billion per year.

"I want to take all my family out of Somalia because there is no hope for peace here," Hassan Farah, a pirate, told a local newspaper. "I am trying to get enough money from the illegal fishing ships that we hijack to go to Europe."

But, just like the Mafia, Somali pirates need to park their fortunes somewhere.

"The most common methods are basic forms of money laundering, such as investing in real estate or front-businesses, sending money to relatives or buying expensive goods in cash," explains a spokesman for the UN Office on Drugs and Crime.

Notes Mark Schroeder, Africa director at intelligence firm Stratfor: "They're not as sophisticated as the Mafia.

But they're entrepreneurial. They know where to put their money. And by Somali standards, this is the most money you could ever hope to make." Somalia's GDP per capita is $600.

Nairobi is a logical place to invest. Kenya neighbours Somalia and has a stable government, as well as a large number of Somalis, most of whom reside in Eastleigh. Though the majority of these Somalis are law-abiding residents, many — knowingly or not — build businesses with pirate money.

"Somalia couldn't absorb this kind of cash," notes Schroeder. "Nairobi can."

Nairobi is also a hub for Al Shabab, the al-Qaida-affiliated terrorist group that controls Somalia.

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▶ Nairobi's Little Mogadishu is a slum no more. Check out the new cars and the shiny new building in the background.

Pirates boost economy: UN

The young pirates support the entire Somali economy. According to the UN, 40 per cent of the ransom goes directly to the Somali economy: bribes and creating jobs. The pirates even invest in cattle.

According to a recent report by Chatham House, a think tank, pirates' ransoms have even led to wage increases in Somalia. But locals aren't happy. Too much of the pirates' money is invested abroad, they say.

Most likely, the pirates channel their money as far as Europe and North America.

"The ransoms are a large amount of money," notes Savona. "This amount goes only partially to bordering countries like Kenya. One can only assume that the rest is laundered and invested internationally."

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Piracy origins

- Until the 1990s, the waters off the Horn of Africa were relatively peaceful. Then Somalis, angered over fishing by foreign vessels, started attacking them. That's when they realized there were fortunes to be made. Since then, piracy has exploded.
- In 2007, 26 ships were hijacked; in 2010 the figure was 400, and the problem remains, even though 30 countries now have navy commandos in the area.
- "The Somali pirates are very young," notes criminology professor Ernesto Savona. "If they go to prison, they're quickly replaced by other young pirates. And when they get out of prison, they go back to hijacking ships. But most ... won't be caught."

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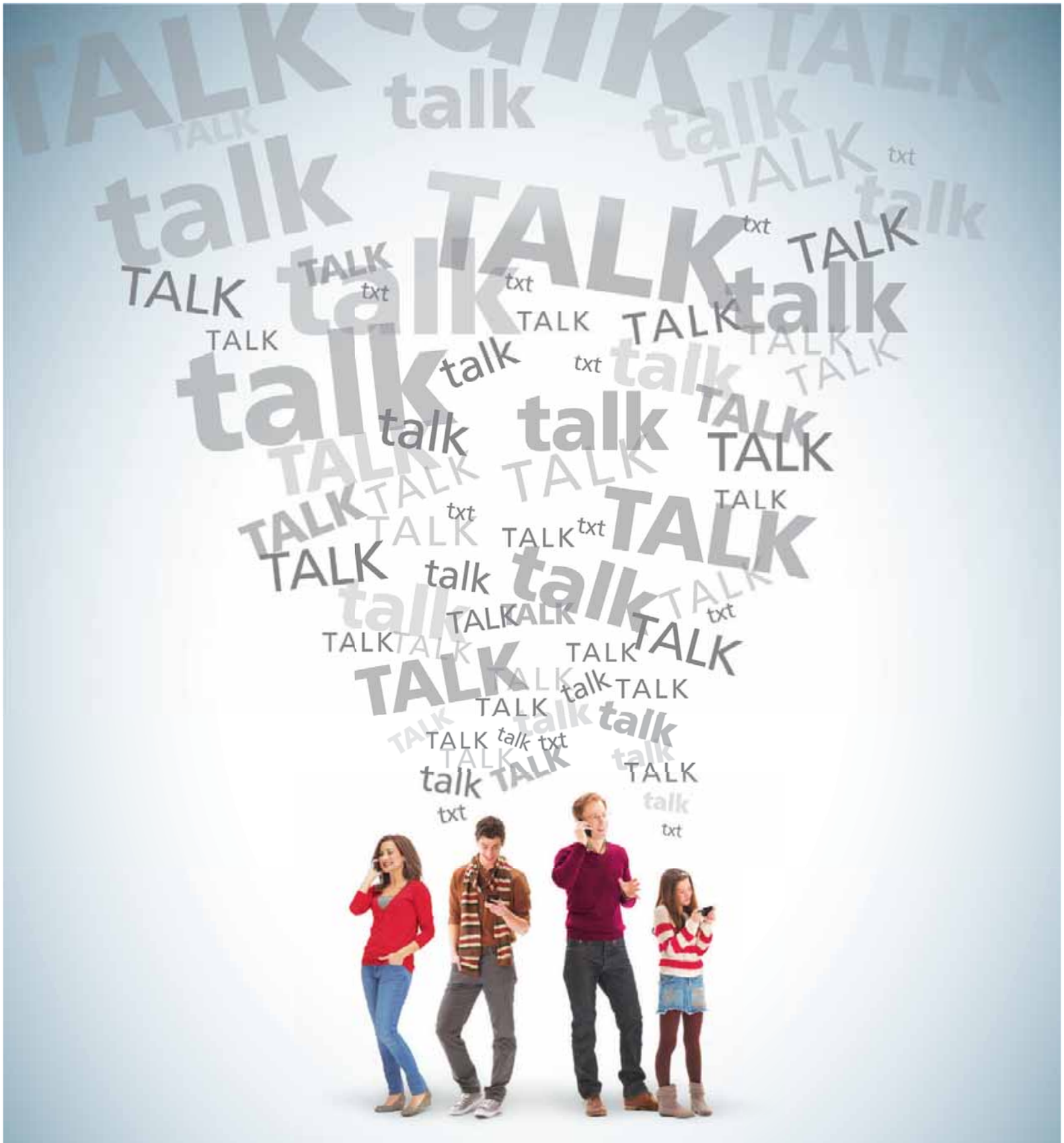

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News in brief

Man deported over tweets

ASIA. Malaysian authorities on Sunday deported a young Saudi journalist accused of insulting the Prophet Muhammad on Twitter, a police official said. The move came despite concerns from rights groups that he may be persecuted at home.

Newspaper columnist Hamza Kashgari, 23, was detained Thursday upon his arrival in Malaysia. Some Saudis have reportedly made death threats against him or called for him to face charges over remarks he tweeted that many considered offensive. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

UN consultant killed in Egypt

SHOOTING. An Egyptian woman who worked for the United Nations as a freelance consultant was fatally shot in the head while driving through an upscale Cairo neighbourhood on Sunday, security officials said.

It was not immediately clear whether the woman, identified as Nermeen Gomaa Khalil, 41, was targeted. Police said she was shot by unidentified gunmen passing in another car, but no one has been arrested. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Pilot attacked, say witnesses

SOUTH AMERICA. A Brazilian airliner safely made a forced landing after a passenger had a "psychotic attack," entered the cockpit and assaulted a pilot, crew members and passengers who tried to subdue him, witnesses said.

The TAM Airlines jet was en route from Montevideo, Uruguay, to Sao Paulo. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Al-Qaida backs revolt

In Internet posting, terror group asks Muslims in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey to join Syrian uprising

Al-Qaida's leader has called for the ouster of Syria's "pernicious, cancerous regime," raising fears that Islamic extremists will try to exploit an uprising against President Bashar Assad that began with peaceful calls for democratic change but is morphing into a bloody, armed insurgency.

The regime has long blamed terrorists for the 11-month-old revolt, and al-Qaida's endorsement creates new difficulties for the U.S., its western allies and Arab states trying to figure out a way to help force Assad from power.

In an eight-minute video message released late Saturday, al-Qaida chief Ayman al-Zawahri called on Muslims to support Syrian rebels.

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▶ This frame-grabbed image purports to show al-Qaida's leader, Ayman al-Zawahri, from a web posting made by al-Qaida's media arm, as-Sahab, on Sunday.

"Wounded Syria is still bleeding day after day, and the butcher (Bashar Assad) isn't deterred and doesn't stop," said al-Zawahri, who took over al-Qaida after Osama bin Laden was killed by U.S. special forces last May. "However, the resistance of our people in Syria is escalating and growing despite all the pains, sacrifices and blood." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Arab League

- On Sunday, the Arab League called for the UN Security Council to create a joint peacekeeping force for Syria. The resolution adopted by the league also demanded that Syrian regime forces lift the siege on neighbourhoods and villages and pull back troops and their heavy weapons.
- The city of Homs has seen some of the worst violence of the uprising, and activists said regime forces were shelling rebellious neighbourhoods on Sunday. Hundreds are believed to have been killed since the latest assault in Homs began.
- The Arab League resolution also calls on Syrian opposition groups to unite ahead of a Feb. 24 meeting of the "Friends of Syria" group, which includes western and Arab nations.

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Girl rescued after wall of snow demolishes houses

Rescuers have pulled a five-year-old girl alive from the rubble of a house flattened by a massive avalanche that killed both her parents and at least seven of her relatives in a remote mountain village in southern Kosovo.

Col. Shemsi Syla, a spokesman for the Kosovo Security Force, said Sunday officers discovered the girl when they heard her voice and cellphone. Her home was buried under 10 metres of snow.

Rescuers cheered and pumped their fists in the air late Saturday as the girl was pulled out alive. A video aired on Klan Kosova TV showed rescuers covering the girl with blankets, before she was rushed to hospital.

Osman Qerreti, an emergency official at the site, told The Associated Press that at least nine members of her family died when the avalanche in the village of Restelica, near Kosovo's border with Macedonia and Albania, destroyed seven houses, of which only two were inhabited.

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▶ Members of the Kosovo Security Force and firefighters clear snow at the site where an avalanche hit houses in the village of Restelica, southern Kosovo.

"No bigger tragedy has ever struck this region. Two brothers with their wives and children have been killed."
DISTRICT OFFICIAL BEHAR RAMADANI

Amid subfreezing temperatures Sunday, local villagers used shovels to dig deep into the snow-covered rubble — all that remained of the one-storey brick houses. One more person is believed missing.

The girl, identified as Asmira Reka, was recovering in hospital in the nearby town of Prizren. Doctors said her life was not in danger.

Rescuers initially dug out the bodies of a married couple and their 17-year-old son. Six more bodies were discovered during the excavation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Expenses get very expensive

Stephen Harper's senior bureaucrats have been racking up some hefty airfares at a time of government restraint.

Travel expenses recently posted for the final quarter of 2011 show executives at the Privy Council Office, the prime minister's own department, paid costly fares last year on some of the most competitive routes to Europe and elsewhere.

The trips included jaunts to conferences and summits in places like London, Paris and Australia, costing taxpayers as much as $15,000 per trip in some cases.

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Athens burns as cuts OK'd

Riots and looting engulf central Athens ◐ A number of buildings burnt ◐ Government cuts will axe one in five civil-service jobs and slash country's minimum wage drastically

Greek lawmakers on Monday approved harsh new austerity measures demanded by bailout creditors to save the debt-crippled nation from bankruptcy, after rioters in central Athens torched buildings, looted shops and clashed with riot police.

The historic vote paves the way for Greece's European partners and the International Monetary Fund to release $130 billion US in new rescue loans, without which Greece would default on its debt mountain next month and likely leave the eurozone — a scenario that would further roil global markets.

Sunday's clashes erupted after more than 100,000 protesters marched to the parliament to rally against the drastic cuts. Violence was also reported in six other cities, the worst in central Volos where the town hall and a tax office were damaged by fire, police said.

At least 45 businesses were damaged by fire, including several historic buildings, movie theatres, banks and a cafeteria, in the worst riot damage in Athens in years. Fifty police officers were injured and at least 70 protesters were hospitalized. Sixty-seven suspected rioters were arrested and a further 70 detained.

Since May 2010, Greece has survived on a $110-billion bailout from its European partners. When that proved insufficient, the new rescue package was approved.

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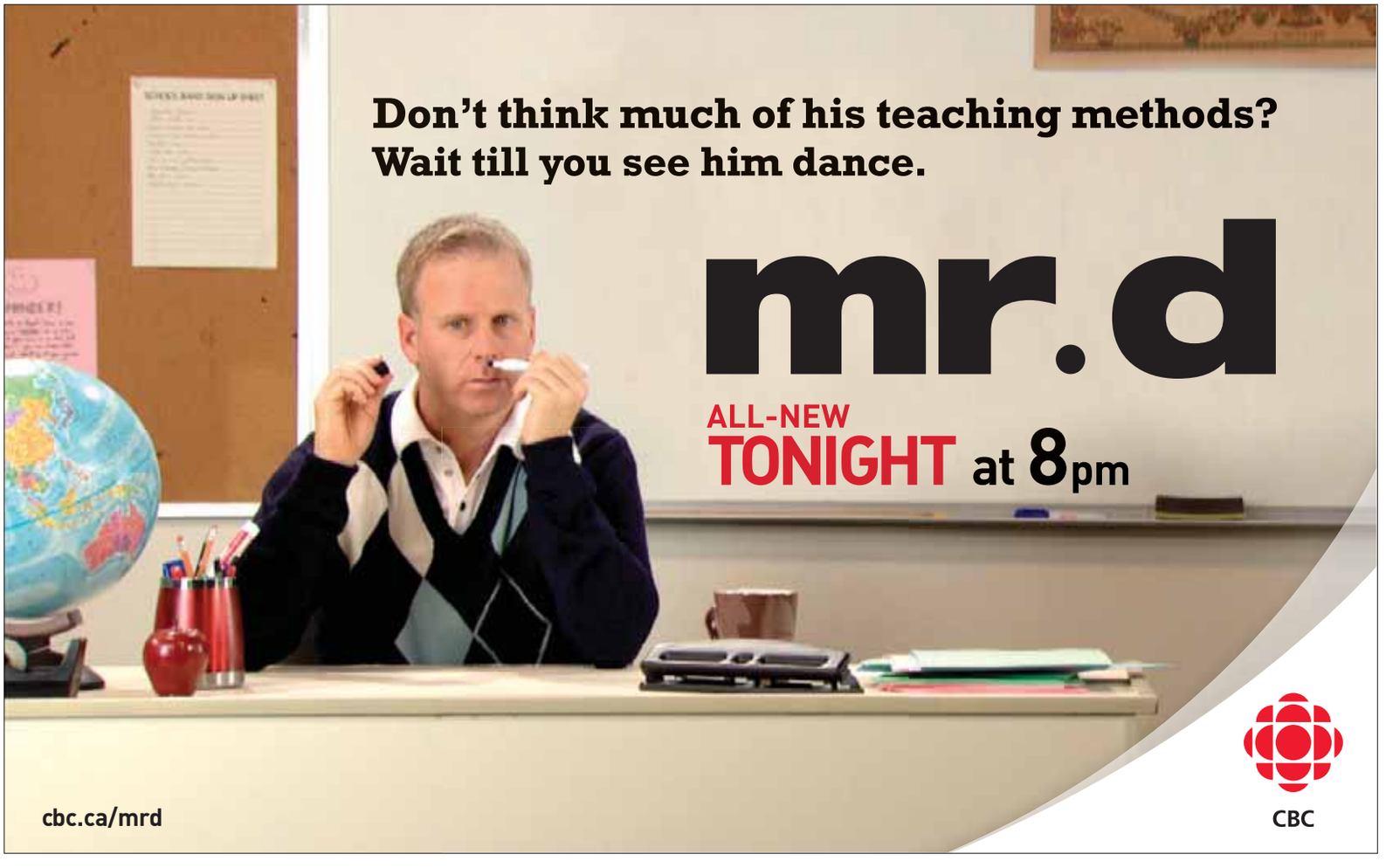
▶ A firefighter tries to extinguish a burning cinema in Athens on Sunday. At least 10 buildings were set on fire by rioters during protests against Greece's austerity measures.



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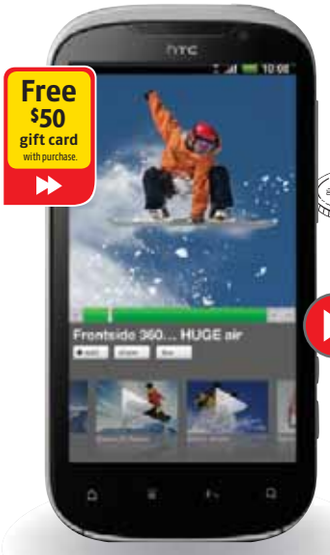

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Petting the panda: PM's China trip a gentler affair

Room to expand trade, economic relations: Vice Premier Li Keqiang

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▶ Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper looks on as his wife Laureen holds a panda in Chongqing, China, on Saturday.

A beaming Stephen Harper petting a panda may be the signature photo of the prime minister's four-day trip to China and also the signature symbol.

Instead of applying a harsh hand to the Sino-Canadian relationship, Harper has learned to apply a gentler touch, experts say, making his second trip to the country a success for both sides.

There's been a complete rehabilitation of the political relationship, which can be seen even in the language used by both the Chinese and the Canadian side throughout the trip, suggested Gordon Houlden, director of the China Institute at the University of Alberta.

Both are now comfortable with the "strategic partnership" label, Houlden said, and the fact the Chinese made a point of acknowledging Harper's majority government is a plus as the country highly values stability.

"I make it my habit when I'm in another country not to say anything publicly critical of that country."

PRIME MINISTER STEPHEN HARPER, WHEN ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHICH HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES HE'D RAISED WITH THE CHINESE ON HIS TRIP

"From the Chinese the messaging — from (Chinese media) to pandas — has been consistently positive," said Houlden in an e-mail.

Those in the room during Harper's bilateral meetings with Chinese leaders during the trip say the atmosphere was completely different than the prime minister's first visit in 2009.

It took him three years into his mandate to travel to China.

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Vets board member says privacy violated

A prominent, long-standing member of the country's Veterans Review and Appeal Board had his privacy violated twice in an alleged smear campaign meant to discredit him using his private medical information as ammunition, The Canadian Press has learned.

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▶ Harold Leduc

The behind-the-scenes fight involving Harold Leduc has been so bad and so vicious that the Canadian Human Rights Commission quietly ordered the veterans board to pay the decorated, former warrant officer $4,000, including legal costs, for harassment he'd suffered from other agency members.

Leduc, who spent 22 years in the military, claims he was a target for gossip, innuendo and intimidation because he often sided with veterans in his review decisions.

It is the latest, and potentially the most wide-ranging, in a series of privacy breaches, which the Conservative government claimed was cleaned up at the department that oversees the care of ex-soldiers and RCMP.

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Asbestos study challenged

A group of 30 physicians and academics want McGill University to conduct an independent investigation into allegations that a researcher skewed study results on behalf of the asbestos industry.

The group includes experts from Canada and around the world.

The experts have filed a complaint with the school, saying research conducted by a former professor lacks transparency and contains manipulated data. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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U.K. press needs tougher penalty system: Minister

Britain's The Sun tabloid has seen 9 employees recently arrested for alleged connection to phone-hacking scandal

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▶ Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt

Britain's government minister responsible for the media said Sunday the country's press must face tougher penalties for breaches of standards in the wake of the tabloid phone-hacking scandal.

Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt also said newspapers must change their system of self-regulation, but insisted the government should not have any role in enforcing standards. The current watchdog, the Press Complaints Commission, is funded by the industry and can demand a newspaper publish an apology, but has no power to issue fines.

Some lawmakers have previously suggested journalists who breach ethics rules should be prevented from working.

Britain's media ethics inquiry, which has heard evidence from celebrities including J.K. Rowling and Hugh Grant, crime victims, newspaper executives and reporters, is expected to recommend major changes to press regulation when it issues findings this year.

"I think everyone recognizes we don't want the state regulating content," Hunt told BBC television.

But Hunt said Britain needed "a tougher system and I would like it to be an industry-led system," but added that "if a newspaper is going to be punished for stepping out of line then it needs to be a credible punishment."

The country's broadcasters are regulated by a separate communications industry watchdog.

Hunt's comments follow new developments in the police investigations into alleged wrongdoing by Britain's tabloids.

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Iraq opens new oil tap in Persian Gulf

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▶ Alraq's Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki at a new oil-export terminal.

Iraq inaugurated a new offshore oil-export terminal in the Persian Gulf on Sunday in a vital step to ease infrastructure constraints and to bring sorely needed cash for reconstruction after decades of war and international sanctions.

Iraq's Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki opened the tap to start experimental pumping for the floating terminal located about 60 kilometres off Iraq's coast.

Iraq plans to start the actual loading of crude in a week to 10 days, initially boosting oil exports through the country's south — currently at about 1.7 million barrels a day — by 200,000 to 300,000 barrels per day, said Dhia Jaafar, the director-general of the state-run South Oil Co. The terminal's full capacity will be 900,000 barrels a day. The project is part of a $1.3-billion plan to expand facilities. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Thu Trinh, left, and Huyen Vu, sales executives with TOSY Robotics, show off the AFO lighted and spinning toy at the American International Toy Fair on Sunday in New York.

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A toy story with the latest trends

The TOSY Robotics show is attended by hundreds of vendors and thousands of buyers who can view the latest trends in the toy industry.

Another deal for Air Canada

DISPATCHERS. Air Canada has reached a tentative collective agreement with the Canadian Airline Dispatchers Association, representing the airline's 74 flight dispatchers. The airline said the agreement was subject to ratification by the employees, and approval by the Air Canada board. THE CANADIAN PRESS

New oil spill in Nigeria

SOUTHERN DELTA. An environmental group says there is a new spill on an oil well run by Italian firm Eni SpA in Nigeria's oil-rich southern delta. Environmental Rights Action said the spill is near a pipeline struck by militants last week.

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Paul Barber, the outgoing CEO of the Vancouver Whitecaps FC, surprised many sports fans this past December when he announced his resignation from the Major League Soccer franchise. But he also raised eyebrows when he told media that — in perhaps a fitting twist — he'd been slapped with a $109 jaywalking ticket the morning of his announcement.

Contrary to the perceptions of some, jaywalkers in Vancouver are not immune from police enforcement. Marching through busy roadways, disobeying traffic lights or emulating the amphibious protagonist of the video game Frogger is grounds for a costly fine these days — even if you are the high-profile boss of a professional sports franchise.

The punishment for bad pedestrian behaviour is not only financial. It also takes the form of finger wagging from the folks at city hall. Last week, the City of Vancouver launched a safety-awareness program called People are Fragile.

"Too often, we see urban planners marginalizing walkers at the expense of cars, buses and even ... bikes."

The public-relations blitz is hoping to eradicate the nasty state of affairs on Vancouver's streets — to "prevent collisions, injuries and fatalities for all road users."

The first target in this effort to rub out dangerous behaviour is pedestrian jaywalking, followed by stop-sign-running cyclists and bad drivers.

To its credit, the advocacy effort is backed up with some serious numbers. According to the Vancouver Police Department, 61 pedestrians were killed in collisions between 2006 and 2011 and, among those, 13 were jaywalking.

The focus on jaywalkers is fair, but pedestrians as a group shouldn't be taking any more heat. They've put up with enough over the years. I can't help but think of when the city first installed the Burrard Bridge bike lane — forcing walkers to inconveniently reroute to the crossing's east side. Too often, we see urban planners marginalizing walkers at the expense of cars, buses and even, dare I say it, bikes.

Or witness the Granville Mall. What was once an oasis for walkers during our 2010 Winter Olympics has reverted to a stark expressway for intimidating trolley buses.

As the downtown peninsula's population continues to grow, the likelihood for pedestrians to get bowled over by motorists is higher than ever.

A little over a year ago, the New Yorker published an article on Rod King, founder of a British slow-driving advocacy organization. King makes the case that, where personal safety is paramount, cities should forgo speed bumps and traffic circles and instead focus on reduced, area-wide speed limits.

He's right.

I don't disagree with the city serving up doses of public shaming and practical information to save lives. But what we need for pedestrian safety is real change — not more PR.

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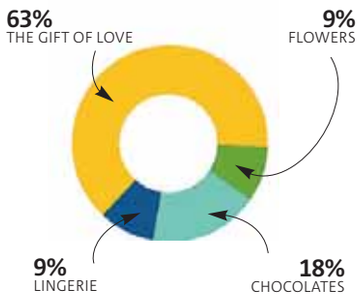

Local tweets

- **@smith-joanna:** First Nathan Cullen quip of #ndpldr debate: "When Harper was in China, he spoke only with pandas and not with Tibetans." #cdnpoli
- **@andrew_tam:** RT @biznasty2point0: Off to Vancouver. You Van city folks tell #Spoons I'll be looking for him
- **@fongbao:** Daydreaming. If #Vancouver Grizzlies were still around & somehow got both @SteveNash & @jlin7 (Mentor & disciple), I would still watch NBA
- **@itsgoodtobehere:** It's hard to believe it was 2 years ago that the #Olympics were in #Vancouver! What are your favourite memories?
- **@MayorGregor:** .@nenshi #Canucks stole a point in your barn I reckon. And last time I checked the standings...
- **@doebender:** Keeping an eye on Davis Cup and sending congrats to Canucks for getting another point
- **@NhlFlamesRdBest:** @MayorGregor You owe @Nenshi a photo of you eating your socks! @NhlFlames showed your #Canucks who's boss. Tides turn. Our way.

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That's a mouthful

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Playing plow-boys and Indians

A villager balances a plow in his mouth during a rural sports festival, also known as Indian Rural Olympics, in Kila Raipur, near Ludhiana, India, on Saturday.

The festival featured major Punjabi rural sports including bullock cart race, tug-of-war and tractor races. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports crazy

- Sikh warriors demonstrated ancient skills, like the man shown at left riding two horses at once.
- Villagers displayed their strength by allowing a tractor carrying three adults to drive over them or by pulling a car with their teeth.
- There were animal events, too, with bulls jumping upended cots and horses dancing to drum beats.

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Grammy Awards strike a sombre note

Whitney Houston's death overshadows big wins by Adele, Kanye West and the Foo Fighters

Adele made her return to the stage and the Foo Fighters piled up the hardware at the 54th Grammy Awards, but the focus was on tributes rather than trophies as a grieving music industry said goodbye to the late Whitney Houston.

Off the top of the show, host L.L. Cool J led the first of many tributes to Houston by announcing that the industry had endured a "death in the family," before leading a prayer to the singer — who died suddenly Saturday night.

"Whitney, we will always love you," he said.

That was followed by a retrospective video devoted to the singer. L.L. Cool J finished his monologue on a high-energy note before multiple nominee Bruno Mars led a frenetic performance of his single Runaway Baby.

The Foo Fighters had five trophies by the midpoint of the show while Adele and Kanye West had won four apiece.

"Long live rock 'n' roll!" shouted Foo Fighters frontman Dave Grohl, while producers tried to play him off the stage.

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▶ Dave Grohl, centre, and fellow Foo Fighters Nate Mendel, left, and Taylor Hawkins, accept their award for best rock performance.

It was a humorous moment in an otherwise muted show.

The focus on Houston understandably drew attention away from what was supposed to be Adele's night.

Still, the 23-year-old Brit eventually swept the night, winning six awards, and sang for the first time since undergoing vocal microsurgery in November, delivering a stirring take on Rolling in the Deep.

Toronto native Melanie Fiona was a double winner before dedicating the two trophies she won for her Cee Lo Green collaboration Fool For You to Houston with an impassioned speech.

Montreal's Caroline Robert was also a winner, taking best recording package for designing the deluxe re-release of Arcade Fire's The Suburbs.

The rest of the Canadian contingent didn't fare so well.

Toronto rapper Drake and DJ Deadmau5 — from Niagara Falls, Ont. — were each shut out despite three nominations apiece, while Sum 41 and Toronto composer Ryan Shore also missed out on awards.

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Winners

- **Album of the year:** 21, Adele
- **Record of the year:** Rolling in the Deep, Adele
- **Song of the year:** Rolling in the Deep, Adele Adkins & Paul Epworth
- **Best alternative album:** Bon Iver, Bon Iver
- **Best rock album:** Wasting Light, Foo Fighters
- **Best rock song:** Walk, Foo Fighters
- **Best R&B song:** Fool For You, Cee Lo Green, Melanie Hallim & Jack Splash
- **Best rap album:** My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy, Kanye West
- **Best rap song:** All of the Lights, Kanye West
- **Best country song:** Mean, Taylor Swift
- **Best traditional R&B performance:** Fool For You, Cee Lo Green & Melanie Fiona

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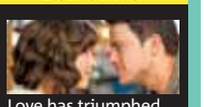
Box office



Love has triumphed over action at the weekend box office, with a No. 1 debut for the romantic drama The Vow. The love story starring Rachel McAdams and Channing Tatum took in $41.7 million. Landing a close second with $39.3 million was Denzel Washington and Ryan Reynolds' thriller Safe House. Coming in solidly at No. 3 was Dwayne Johnson's Journey 2: The Mysterious Island with $27.6 million.

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Whitney Houston — music icon, best-selling artist, winner of six Grammy awards, movie star and admitted drug addict — died Feb. 11 at age 48, a spokesman said.

She was found unresponsive at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles, hours before she was to attend a Grammy party hosted by music producer Clive Davis.

Born in Newark, N.J., into a musical family, Houston was the daughter of Cissy Houston, a gospel singer, and cousin of Dionne Warwick (with Aretha Franklin as her godmother). In the 1980s, she started performing with her mom in New York City nightclubs, where she was spotted by Davis, who produced her debut, Whitney Houston, in 1985. How Will I Know, Saving All My Love, The Greatest Love of All: The songs became the soundtrack to the 1980s, selling millions. Her follow-ups also went No. 1, with the 1992 soundtrack to her film The Bodyguard topping the U.S. charts for months. Its single, I Will Always Love You, was the best-selling single by a female artist ever.

Over her lifetime, Houston sold some 55 million records.

But in the 1990s, her career, and life, went downhill.

In 1992, she married Bobby Brown, an R&B singer. They divorced in 1997, but not before years of domestic abuse calls and doing drugs together.

Houston began admitting her problems with marijuana and cocaine (not crack; "Crack is whack," she said memorably) in television interviews.

"The biggest devil is me," she told TV interviewer Diane Sawyer in 2002, with Brown next to her.

"I'm either my best friend or worst enemy."

She is survived by their daughter, 18-year-old Bobbi Kristina Houston Brown.

TIMELINE

A look at the ups and downs of Whitney Houston's life.

Highs

The charts

▶ Houston ruled them in the 1980s and early '90s. She was the first artist ever to score seven consecutive No. 1 Billboard Hot 100 hits, which included Saving All My Love for You, How Will I Know, Greatest Love of All, I Wanna Dance with Somebody (Who Loves Me) and more.

The movies

▶ Although not critically acclaimed, her film work was respected and popular with fans, with The Bodyguard earning $410 million worldwide.

Lows

The marriage

▶ The pairing raised eyebrows: the church-going Houston and the hard-edged R&B singer Bobby Brown. He was repeatedly arrested. She lost her good-girl image.

The drugs

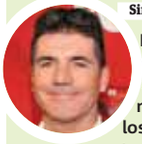
▶ Houston was open about her addictions. And the toll they took on her voice was evident in her final albums.

The end

▶ After appearing on a reality show about her husband, Houston is now remembered as a "former" icon-turned-mess. But her legacy remains. Her fans will always love her.

Celebrity Twitter reaction

Mariah Carey
She will never be forgotten as one of the greatest voices to ever grace the earth.



Simon Cowell
I am so sad to hear about Whitney. We have lost one of the greatest singers of all time.

Christina Aguilera
We have lost another legend.

Wyclef Jean
This is the saddest thing I've ever had to write in my life, R I P to one of the greatest humans that I have ever known Whitney Houston

Queen Latifah
Oh Dear Lord! Hurting so Bad!!! MY Sister Whitney!!!!!!! Newark please Pray!!! World Please Pray!

Ricky Martin
RIP Whitney Houston. Sending my love and deepest condolences to her family and friends. Fly Whitney Fly

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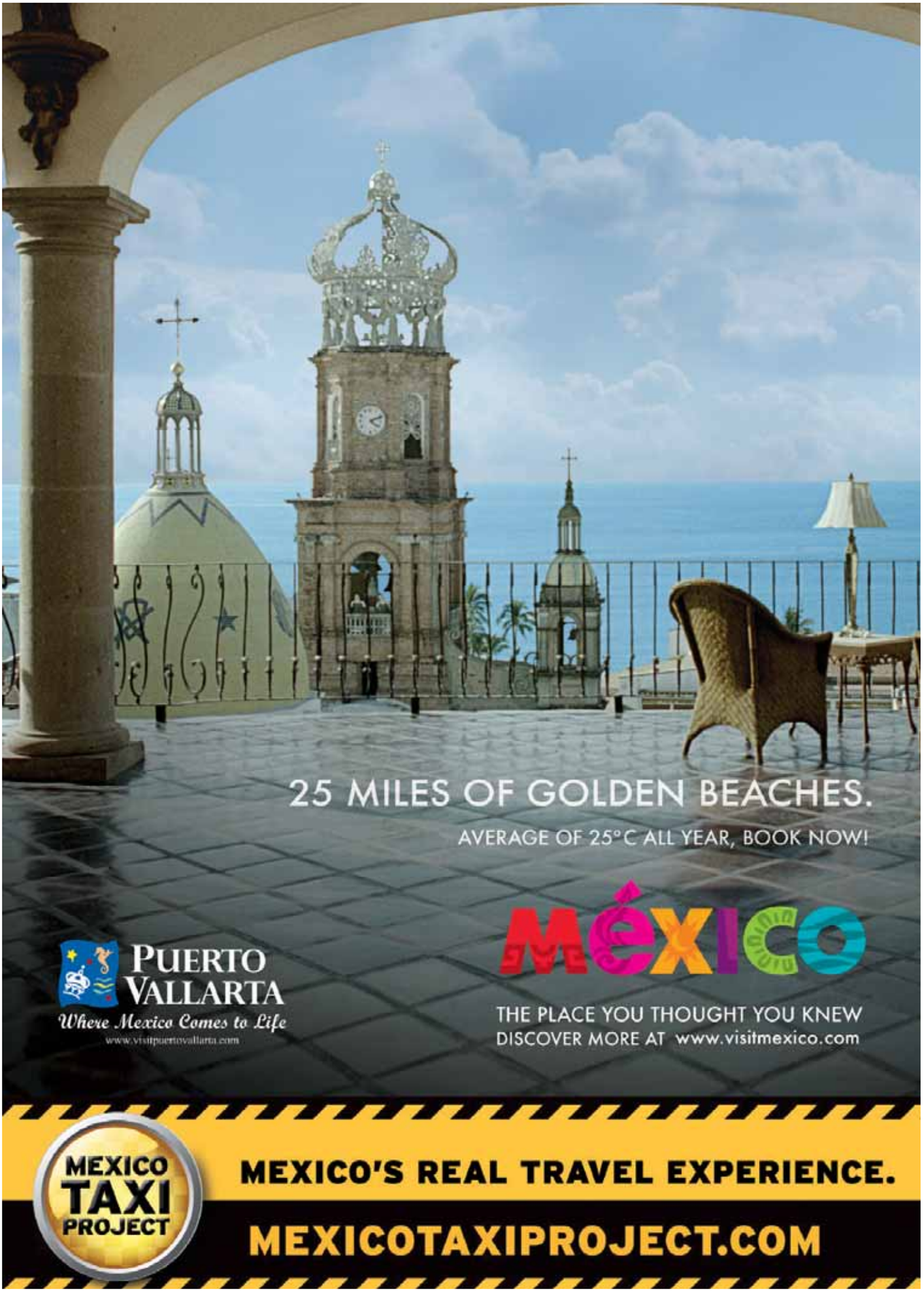
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Whitney Houston: What we know now

The shocking news that music legend Whitney Houston died on Saturday has everyone asking: What happened? As of press time, here's what we know:

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▶ Media mobs a coroner's van as it leaves the Beverly Hilton Hotel early Sunday in Beverly Hills.

THE WORD

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• On Thursday afternoon, a Los Angeles Times reporter who was on hand to cover rehearsals with Brandy, Monica, and Clive Davis for the mogul's annual pre-Grammys party, described Houston as reeking of alcohol, "visibly bloated," and "disheveled in mismatched clothes and hair that was dripping wet with either sweat or water."

She spent half the day "wandering aimlessly" around the lobby of the Beverly Hills Hilton, where she was staying and where she was set to perform at the same event.

Reportedly, guests even called security on the singer, because she was performing handstands by the hotel pool.

• As of now, it looks like the cause of death was from drowning in a bathtub; Houston was probably under some kind of sedation. According to TMZ.com, her stylist, hairdresser, and two bodyguards were among the ones who found Houston in the tub underwater. She had apparently been in the bathroom for more than an hour and her hairdresser, concerned they wouldn't have time to get ready for Clive Davis' pre-Grammys bash, where she was set to perform, went in to check on her.

• Per TMZ.com, they discovered her with her "face ... below the water and her legs were up ... like she had slid down the back of the tub." The bodyguards pulled her out and called hotel security. After unsuccessfully performing CPR on her "cold" body, paramedics, who quickly arrived on the scene, pronounced her dead at 3:55 p.m.

• Radaronline.com reports no illicit drugs were found in Houston's hotel room, but police did recover a half dozen pill bottles from the room, including Xanax.

• An autopsy was performed on Sunday but no foul play is suspected.

Bobby Brown reacts

In his first official comments about the death of his ex-wife, the R&B star released a statement to People saying:

▶ "I am deeply saddened at the passing of my ex-wife, Whitney Houston." He adds, "At this time, we ask for privacy, especially for my daughter, Bobbi Kristina. I appreciate all of the condolences that have been directed towards my family and I at this most difficult time."

▶ **Although Whitney died in the same hotel hours earlier,** Clive Davis, Houston's mentor, went on with his annual pre-Grammys bash at the Hilton.

▶ **Instead of cancelling the event,** Davis, 79, held a moment of silence before a slew of performances were dedicated to the star.

Celebrity tweets

@SpikeLee
God Bless The Dead. Whitney Houston R.I.P. She Was Only 48 Years Young.

@ElizabethBanks
Wow. RIP Whitney Houston. Grew up on her. She contributed to the soundtrack of many of my 12-year old sleepover parties.

@Joan_Rivers
Whitney Houston. What a sad tragedy-the end of the life of an incredible talent. RIP to an amazing singer and legend.

@justinbieber
just heard the news. so crazy. One of the GREATEST VOICES EVER just passed. RIP Whitney Houston. My prayers go out to her friends and family

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▶ In this undated image released by Beyonce.com, Beyoncé Knowles holds her daughter Blue Ivy in a recent family photo.

'We welcome you to share our joy': Jay-Z and Beyoncé

This weekend, Jay-Z and Beyoncé released photos of their daughter, Blue Ivy, born Jan. 7.

Photos of the one-month-old were posted by her parents on a Tumblr blog page.

For more pictures, check out http://helloblueivy-carter.tumblr.com.

A hand-written note accompanying the photos reads, "We welcome you to share our joy."

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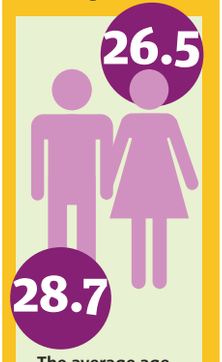
Stats for singles

2012 It's the Year of the Dragon, traditionally a very auspicious time to get hitched.



The average age people marry — it's later every year.

SOURCE: PEW STUDY

Lollipops, glow sticks help to ensure your Valentines won't fall flat.

Quiz: Why am I single?

Why are you alone? Take this little test to find out the real answer

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ALL PHOTOS: THINKSTOCK

Is he Mr. Right?

I love weddings!

1. An attractive lady or fellow smiles at you on the subway. You:
A Look away
B Sorry, what did you say? My head's buried in a book on ancient bee-keeping.
C Deepen your scowl
D Are too busy eyeballing someone else

2. When you go to a party, you:
A Spend the whole time sneaking away to play Words with Friends
B Spend the whole time thinking about the reality TV marathon you'd rather be watching
C Tell everyone who will listen the awful story about the time your ex slept with your friend
D I don't really go to parties. Too busy "makin' it rain" at the strip club

3. It's summertime. You're in the park and a cutie's frisbee is tossed your way. You:
A Quickly throw it back without a smile
B Don't notice because it didn't hit the bee hotel you're building
C Take out your laptop
D Compliment him/her on his/her slammin' bod

4. Describe your weekend:
A These nails aren't gonna paint themselves
B Visiting an out-of-town store devoted entirely to antique Judaica
C People are so insufferable, why would I want to make plans with them?
D Going to dinner with your married friends

5. It's time for your annual company retreat. Your co-workers:
A Don't notice you're not there; you always skip out on office events
B Avoid you like the plague; all you ever talk about is bears, beets and The Wire
C Are other disgruntled office drones; misery loves company!
D Have all already had sex with you, so you have to hit on the waiters at the end-of-weekend party

6. Which song do you identify with the most?
A I Am A Rock by Simon and Garfunkel
B The song of the humpback whale. Real "music" doesn't do it
C Heaven Knows I'm Miserable Now by The Smiths
D Where Them Girls At by David Guetta

7. How many relationships have you had?
A None. I just can't seem to meet or click with people
B One, but we broke up soon after because she or he thought I spend too much time online
C A few. And boy, was that last one a doozey
D Relationships are for suckers

8. How do you feel about attending weddings?
A I go only when forced to — if it's that of a close family member or friend
B Love 'em! A new audience I can impress with my killer humpback whale calls
C They're a great chance to place bets on when the couple will divorce
D Um, have you seen Wedding Crashers?

9. What's your favourite way to unwind after a long day at work?
A Drinks with a few friends at our usual haunt
B Re-organizing my antique Judaica collection
C On the couch, downing half-a-bottle of red wine and listening to Adele
D Hitting up a couples' cooking class by myself

10. Do you exercise?
A Sure, love running and hiking solo
B Not really. Usually spend all my free time holed up in a movie theatre.
C What's the point of looking good? Nobody's looking at me anyway
D Duh. The gym is the best place to troll for this weekend's hotness

You're single because...

- **Mostly A's: You don't put yourself out there enough.** We know you're a catch but you don't give anyone else the chance to get to know you. Perhaps you're shy, sticking to your comfort zone, a loner or all three. Diversify your social activities, take more risks and put yourself in situations where you can meet new people.
- **Mostly B's: Your interests are too narrow.** It's time for a reality check: Those fascinating things are only fascinating to you. Try developing new skills and hobbies that will allow you to connect with a wider group of people, and don't let your all-consuming love of miniature accordions alienate others.
- **Mostly C's: You're bitter.** Whoa. Putting aside the fact that you may need therapy, it's clear that you've given up on love. Tone it down. Fake a smile. Take an inspirational seminar. And yeah, definitely start therapy.
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The (s)ex factor

Look through your emails or phone and see if anyone rings any bells like a sex buddy or someone you have a crush on and with whom you know it'll be just for the night. It's not a bad thing to reach into the past a little bit as long as it's all done in the spirit of fun and you're not getting yourself into any sort of emotional situation.

Sexy and spontaneous

Organize a spontaneous night out for anyone who doesn't have a sweetie tonight. A lot of venues, have things geared toward single people on Valentine's Day, so it's not too hard to etch out last minute plans. Once you're out, start dancing or chatting with someone you wouldn't normally approach. It helps to have a friend as it makes you feel more at ease and you'll be more approachable.

For more, iankerner.com.

Unexpected way to jazz up comfort food

Miso is a creative addition to macaroni and cheese

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Though miso is from China, it is best known for its role in Japanese cooking, where it is used in soups, sauces, marinades, glazes and dressings.

Miso can vary widely in colour and flavour intensity based on how long it is aged and what ingredients are added with it.

Your best bet is to stick with sweet white miso. Its mellow savoury-sweet flavour is versatile and pleasant.

Preparation:

1. In pot of boiling, salted water, cook pasta for about 8 mins. or until tender but firm. Reserve 50 ml (1/4 cup) of the cooking water, then drain and set aside.
2. In a large, deep skillet over medium, heat oil. Cook mushrooms for about 6 minutes or until well browned.
3. Move skillet off heat. In a small bowl, mix together creme fraiche and miso. Stir in creme fraiche mixture, Parmesan, cheddar, garlic powder and hot sauce into mushrooms.
4. Once cheese has melted, add drained pasta. Stir in enough of the reserved pasta cooking water to moisten, until pasta is coated. Season with salt and pepper if desired.

Ingredients:

- 500 g (1 lb) elbow pasta
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 500 ml (2 cups) thinly sliced shiitake mushrooms
- 250 g (8 oz) creme fraiche
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) sweet white miso paste
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) shredded cheddar cheese
- 5 ml (1 tsp) garlic powder
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) hot sauce
- Salt and ground black pepper

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▶ Vermicomposting can be done pretty much anywhere or in any space.

HOW TO COMPOST WHEN YOU CAN'T

What's worse for a septic system – using my garburator or trashing my food scraps? (We can't compost due to animals) *Alex of Halifax*

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The garburator and the landfill are equally bad ideas for your organics.

Many cities, and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, recommend that people on septic systems avoid using a garburator because it will put too much organic waste into your tank.

This means you'll have to pump out your septic more often, which will increase your costs.

I recommend composting, but not backyard composting.

Add red wriggler worms to your exotic animal menagerie. Then, you can call yourself a vermiculturist.

Vermicomposting is ideal for small spaces and can be done indoors— under the sink, in the garage or in a spare room"

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Discard organic matter generated in your kitchen — like banana peels — by feeding it to worms. The result is a fertile mixture of decomposed food scraps and worm poop.

Check out the Halifax Garden Network to walk you through Worm Composting 101, or contact the Ecology Action Centre (ecologyaction.ca).

Most Canadian cities have local vermicomposting champions or organizations that sell worms and worm bins or will show you how to build one.

A second option is bokashi composting. It's different from outdoor composting because it turns food scraps into fertilizer via fermentation. Bokashi means fermented organic matter in Japanese.

A select group of microorganisms anaerobically (without air) ferment the organic waste. Apparently, they will also break down things like meat, fish and cheese.

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Turning the dial to determination

He pursued his dream relentlessly for more than a decade Finally Fitzroy Gordon's work is paying off

TURNING POINT

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Fitzroy Gordon was nine years old when he bought his first transistor radio in Jamaica.

He listened for hours and soon the budding DJ had his own radio station set up in the backyard. He spent all day spinning records and interviewing imaginary guests.

After his family moved to Canada, Gordon got into broadcasting and he realized that the black and Caribbean communities were not being served on the radio in Toronto.

I thought, "I'm going to step up and make it happen."

In 1998, Gordon assembled a team and began a 13-year odyssey to secure a spot on the dial for his radio station.

He had no idea the emotional toll it would take on his life as he lost everything, including relationships, his house and car.

Gordon battled on and finally after a trip to Parliament Hill and an intervention from the Prime Minister, Fitzroy put G98.7 FM on the air in Toronto in November of 2011.

▶ Fitzroy Gordon in the control room on the morning of his radio station launch.

Now he plans to build a radio network across Canada.

"I hope my story will give people strength, resolve and inspiration to fight on because without a fight you can never have victory."

Spinning a song of success

Fitzroy Gordon's advice for the aspiring entrepreneur:

- Dreams never die, only the dreamer.
- The more difficulties you have the more determined you must become.
- Nothing comes easy. Perspiration brings inspiration.
- Have faith in your dream.

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France eliminates Canada

Tsonga beats substitute Dancevic after Raonic withdraws because of knee injury

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▶ Frank Dancevic looks on during his straight sets loss to France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

Frank Dancevic hoped to relive some Davis Cup magic, but the surprise substitute came up short against one of the world's top players.

Canada failed to advance to the Davis Cup quarter-finals Sunday as France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga beat Dancevic in straight sets.

Tsonga, the world's sixth-ranked player, prevailed 6-4, 6-4, 6-1, over the feisty 178th-ranked Niagara Falls, Ont., native, who was a late replacement for injured top singles player Milos Raonic.

"I was definitely the underdog going in today," Dancevic said. "I knew I just had to, basically, go out there and just give it all I got and any time I had a chance or an opportunity just go for my shots."

Dancevic's most memorable Davis Cup moment came in 2003 in Calgary when he defeated Brazil's Flavio Saretta to give Canada only its second berth in World Group play.

But he could not repeat the magic against the powerful French.

"The key to the match was, the beginning of the match, he played really well," said Dancevic. "He got right on top of me. ... I was sort of one step behind the whole match."

The win gave France an insurmountable 3-1 lead in the best-of-five competition with one match to play.

"I knew in this match it was going to be more physical than he was used to playing," said Tsonga. "So I was confident."

Vancouver resident Vasek Pospisil fell 6-4, 6-4 to Gael Monfils in the final match later Sunday. Monfils, the world's 13th ranked player who had been held out with a knee injury, replaced Julien Benneteau as the French team gave the crowd a high-quality player for a meaningless match.

Once Canada's top singles player, Dancevic has dropped to third in the country behind Raonic and 115th-ranked Pospisil. He has spent the last year trying to rebuild his game.

In 2011, he became the first Canadian to qualify for all four Grand Slam events in the same calendar year.

Sunday's appearance was his 27th Davis Cup match. He now sports a 13-14 record in singles and doubles matches over 16 ties. His singles record dropped to 10-14 and he is 3-0 in doubles.

France will take on the United States in the World Group quarter-finals in April. Canada must play a World Group playoff tie in September to try to retain its spot in the elite 16-team group for 2013.

Dancevic, 31, got the call to play his first match of the weekend after Raonic pulled out due to a knee injury. Tsonga said he was both surprised and disappointed when Raonic could not go.

"For us it was a good surprise," said Tsonga. "Milos is a good player, talented, and I was a bit sad to play against another guy, because I think it (would have been) a good confrontation with Milos."

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Last match

Vancouver resident Vasek Pospisil fell 6-4, 6-4 to Gael Monfils in the final match later Sunday.

Kobe spoils Raptors' bid for an upset

"I was proud how we dug ourselves out, but not happy with how we dug the hole."
RAPTORS COACH DWANE CASEY

Kobe Bryant didn't need a huge game to dismantle the Toronto Raptors, just one good look with a few seconds left on the clock.

The Lakers superstar drained a long fadeaway jumper from the baseline with 4.2 seconds to play Sunday to lift Los Angeles to a 94-92 victory over the Raptors.

The Lakers' victory spoiled an excellent afternoon for Jose Calderon, who scored a career-high 30 points for Toronto (9-20), and came after the Raptors had battled back from an 18-point deficit.

"That's his instinct, especially late in the game, that's why you really can't have a close game," Toronto's DeMar DeRozan said of the Lakers star who famously dropped 81 points on the Raptors back in 2006.

Linas Kleiza added 15 points, Leandro Barbosa finished with 12 and DeRozan doled out a career-high seven assists in what was very nearly the Raptors' second consecutive big upset, coming two days after Toronto beat the Boston Celtics.

The game's final few seconds drew angry boos from the crowd of 19,311 at Air Canada Centre — just shy of a sellout — after Rasual Butler tried to call a timeout on Toronto's possession with 3.6 seconds left. Officials ruled Butler didn't signal for the timeout before the allowable five seconds to inbound the ball, giving possession to the Lakers.

Raptors coach Dwane Casey,was livid with the call, but bit his tongue after the game for fear of being fined by the league.

Calderon's previous career-high of 27 points came almost four years ago to the day — Feb. 11, 2008 versus San Antonio. The Raptors guard, however, shrugged off his performance.

"It doesn't matter, we lost so I don't care," Calderon said. "It's tough, when we had a chance to beat another great team like L.A. But we couldn't today so we've got to grab the positive part, we can compete against everybody, we've got to believe we can do it."

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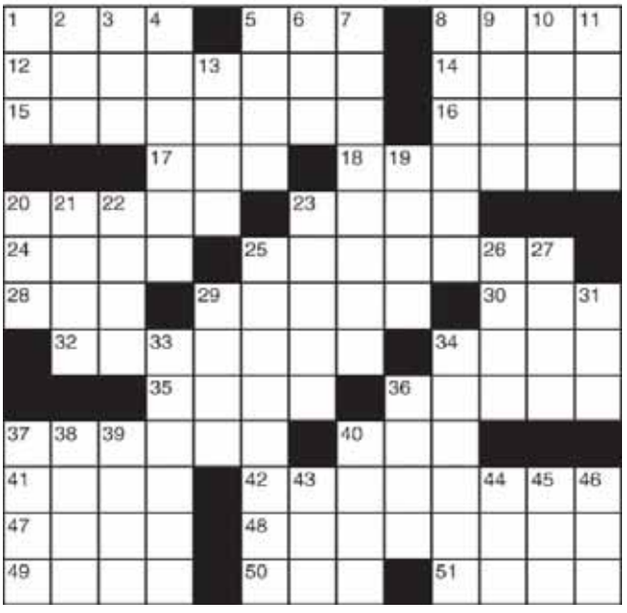

Across

1 Stitches
5 Corn spike
8 React in horror
12 Handel's "Messiah," e.g.
14 Aware of
15 Algonquian leader
16 Individuals
17 "Of course"
18 Cancel out
20 Poe's bird
23 "Beetle Bailey" dog
24 On in years
25 Luzon language
28 Neither mate
29 Commandments bearer
30 Sheep's comment
32 First person to orbit the Earth
34 Gear teeth
35 Hits head-on
36 Cause, as havoc
37 Government in power
40 Cry of discovery
41 "American —"
42 "Madame Butterfly" setting
47 Lass
48 Shook in fear
49 Eyelid woe
50 Witness
51 Longings

Down

1 "Mayday!"
2 Historic period
3 Joker
4 Remained
5 Cupid's alias
6 Melody
7 X-ray discoverer
8 Giant number
9 "— Karenina"
10 Undo a dele
11 Sit for a picture
13 Portent
19 Greek vowels
20 Skedaddled
21 Awestruck
22 Miles of Hollywood
23 Refuge
25 Persecutes
26 Reed instrument
27 Pop singer Lady —
29 Sir's partner
31 Request
33 Ornamental grating on a car
34 "White Christmas" crooner
36 "Kapow!"
37 Fixes illicitly
38 Rewrite, maybe
39 Bloodcurdling
40 Curved molding
43 Exist
44 Brewery product
45 Barbie's companion
46 Egos' counterparts

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

	1						9	
	5	2		7		4	3	
9			8		5			6
		6	9		2	7		
		1	5		8	2		
8			3		7			1
	6	4		8		9	7	
	3						5	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

1	5	9	8	7	3	2	4	6
2	8	3	6	4	9	7	5	1
4	7	6	2	5	1	8	9	3
8	9	1	5	6	7	4	3	2
5	4	7	9	3	2	6	1	8
6	3	2	4	1	8	9	7	5
3	6	8	7	9	5	1	2	4
7	2	5	1	8	4	3	6	9
9	1	4	3	2	6	5	8	7

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Make sure your opinions are backed up by facts and figures today or you could find yourself on the defensive.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Don't make promises that you may not be able to deliver on.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
If a friend asks you to get involved with some kind of cause you should study it closely before agreeing to contribute your time and money.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You will be in the right place at the right time today and you must take advantage of it.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
If you let others know that you require their assistance today you will get all the help you need, and more.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
It's possible that you will make some kind of mistake today, but don't stop to work out where you went wrong.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Yes, some people can be a pain, but you won't change them, so don't try.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
If you've got something to say then say it and don't worry that certain people's egos may get bruised as a result.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Let other people take care of the chores today.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
You have all the time in the world.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
The best way to deal with someone who is giving you a hard time is to point out what they will lose if you withdraw your friendship

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 The best way to deal with any unpleasantness today is to turn your back on it and walk away. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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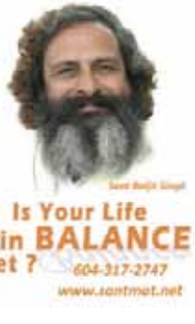
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